



Exposure Protocol

In the event of a select agent identification and exposure, there are certain protocols that need to be followed. This document will serve as a guideline for your laboratory to follow. This is NOT exhaustive, and changes may need to be made based on the specific circumstances.

1. If a Select Agent is identified by the County of San Luis Obispo Public Health Laboratory (SLOPHL) or by the Microbial Diseases Laboratory (MDL), your laboratory will be required to **fill out and submit APHIS/CDC Form 4 sections C and D**.
 - a. Follow guidelines found at: [APHIS/CDC Form 4 | Forms | Federal Select Agent Program \(selectagents.gov\)](#)
 - b. Note: SLOPHL or MDL will initiate APHIS/CDC Form 4 sections A and B.
2. If there is a potential exposure at your lab, you must fill out **APHIS/CDC Form 3**.
 - a. Follow guidelines found at: [APHIS/CDC Form 3: Report of a Release/Loss/Theft | Forms | Federal Select Agent Program \(selectagents.gov\)](#)
3. If a Select Agent is identified by SLOPHL or MDL and your lab still has specimens, isolates, and derivatives, they must be destroyed within 7 days of identification. Upon request, your lab may need to transfer the specimens, isolates, and derivatives to a reference lab – which requires **APHIS/CDC Form 2 section 2** to be filled out by your lab.
 - a. Follow guidelines found at: [APHIS/CDC Form 2: Request to Transfer Select Agents and Toxins | Forms | Federal Select Agent Program](#)
4. **If you have any questions, please call SLOPHL and 805-781-5510.**